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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATIONS WITH VIETNAMESE,
KAMPUCHEAN AND CHINESE AMBASSADORS

1. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SUFFRI JUSUF TOLD US THAT AT
THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, AUGUST 31, HE HAD
SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE, CHINESE AND
KAMPUCHEAN AMBASSADORS, THE GIST OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

2. THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR APPROACHED HIM AND ASKED:
"WHY IS IT WE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH KISSINGER BUT WE
CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH OUR THAI BROTHERS?" HE REPORTED-
LY STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THE THAI'S DISPATCH OF A
PERMANENT AMBASSADOR TO VIENTIANE SO THAT AMBASSADORIAL
TALKS BETWEEN THE THAI AND VIETNAMESE COULD BE HELD ON
THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BETWEEN HANOI AND BANGKOK.
THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE
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AUGUST 1976 VIETNAMESE THAI ACCORDS SPECIFIED VIENTIANE
AS THE VENUE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. (JUSUF SAID THAT
MFA VICE MINISTER KHAMPHAY BOUPHA HAD ASSURED HIM
EARLIER THAT A LAO AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY BEEN SELECTED
FOR POSTING IN BANGKOK, THAT HE IS CURRENTLY AN
AMBASSADOR, BUT THAT HIS IDENTITY COULD NOT YET BE
REVEALED.)

3. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR ASKED JUSUF FOR HIS ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE LAO-VIETNAMESE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" AMOUNTED TO. THE CHINESE SAID THAT THE PRC DID NOT OPPOSE SUCH A RELATIONSHIP SO LONG AS "NO EUROPEANS ARE INVOLVED."

4. THE KAMPUCHEAN AMBASSADOR TOLD JUSUF THAT IT WAS WRONG TO REFER TO KAMPUCHEA AS PART OF INDOCHINA. "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS INDOCHINESE, WE ARE KAMPU-
CHEANS," HE REPORTEDLY SAID.

5. JUSUF TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE THAI HAD TO LEARN TO RELY ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES AND ADDED RUEFULLY THAT THE THAI WERE DEPENDING ON "POLICE FORCES AND ARMED VILLAGERS" INSTEAD OF REGULAR ARMED FORCES TO DEFEND THEIR BORDERS. JUSUF ADDED THAT WHEN PRESIDENT SUHARTO VISITED BANGKOK RECENTLY THE THAI ASKED FOR LARGE SCALE MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE BUT THAT SUHARTO REFUSED.

6. COMMENT: JUSUF COULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE REASON FOR THE URGENCY WHICH THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPATCH OF A THAI AMBASSADOR TO VIENTIANE (PARA 2). HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS THE SECOND TIME IN ONE WEEK THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAD APPROACHED HIM ON THE TOPIC OF THAI-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. BOTH THE
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VIETNAMESE AND KAMPUCHEAN AMBASSADORS HAD EXTENDED CON-
VERSATIONS WITH THE THAI CHARGE DURING THE RECEPTION.
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